articles will mostly be cheaper than handmade ones. Handmade paper is, on account of its durability, generally preferred for insurance policy paper, share certificates, documents, etc.

"(e) Yes, Sir. The Provincial Firka Development Officer is using the handmade paper manufactured by the Viziawada Unit. It is proposed to make use of the handmade paper manufactured at the departmental units in the offices under the Industries and Commerce Department.

"(f) The Department of Industries and Commerce will render all possible assistance to persons who come forward with any scheme for the promotion of manufacture of handmade paper."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether there was a centre at Gazulapalle in the Kurnool district?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, what has happened to it?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"It has been closed, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Why should not the Government use the handmade paper in all departments and so offer an incentive and encouragement to the industry?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"I shall personally request the hon. Member to use it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether there is any proposal by the Government to combine Bugga and Gazulapalle?"

THE HON. H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"That is one of the suggestions made by the Development Commissioner after his recent tour, and the Director of Industries is examining it, Sir."

Payment of workers in the Government hospitals.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a majority of the workers of the Government hospitals in the City are paid from what is called "Contingencies";

(*b*) whether this category of workers are started on the basic scale of pay of Rs. 12—½—15;

(*c*) whether they are full-time workers;

(*d*) whether they are paid no interim relief and no house-rent allowance;

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(e) whether they are asked to do work for more than eight hours a day;

(f) whether they are denied the privileges such as Provident Fund and Pension;

(g) whether there is any agitation among this class of workers to abolish this system of payment from contingencies; and

(h) whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish this system and bring all workers who are now under this head as permanent workers?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Persons paid from contingencies do not form a majority of workers of the Government hospitals.

" (b) They are paid different scales of pay. The minimum and maximum scales being Rs. 10—15 and Rs. 35—60, respectively.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) Hitherto, they were not paid interim relief and house rent allowance. The Government have passed orders revising the pay and other conditions of service of hospital workers. Under these orders such of those workers who are admitted to the Subordinate or Inferior Services will be eligible for house rent allowance.

" (e) Yes. In order to provide for periodical holidays and sufficient reserve for casual and privilege leave a proposal to constitute leave reserves for certain classes of establishments is under consideration.

" (f) Under the orders referred to in answer to clause (d) such of those workers who are admitted to the Subordinate or Inferior Service will be eligible for the leave, pensionary and other concessions admissible to members of such services.

" (g) There was agitation.

" (h) The Government have had under consideration the question whether the contingent section of the establishment in hospitals need be abolished. They have decided that such of those workers as would be required permanently for the normal work of the department should be made permanent and converted into regular establishment."

3 p.m. DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the fact that the workers are being paid only Rs. 15 are not the Government setting a very bad example to other employers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The scales of pay were now recently revised and in sanctioning the scales we have taken into account the rates of remuneration which the contingent staff were getting throughout the Province and also what would be reasonable for the nature of the work."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government think that Rs. 15 a month is reasonable wage for any person working there."

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have considered the matter and decided on these scales of pay."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Under the new scheme formulated by the Hon. Minister will most of the workers who are paid from contingencies be absorbed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have passed an order on the matter on the 25th February 1948 and the orders has two annexures. The posts mentioned in the first annexure have been converted into regular posts and those in the other are only temporary."

Services of Dr. M. G. Kini.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. R. K. Sarma) :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the positions are that are held by Dr. Kini in the Stanley Hospital and other Government Medical institutions and what his remuneration is for each of the positions; and

(*b*) whether any complaints have been received that the efficiency of the hospital is affected by his holding more than one position and if so what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Dr. M. G. Kini is at present holding the following appointments with the remuneration noted against each :—

Name of appointment.	*Pay.*
	RS.
(1) Superintendent and Surgeon, Government Stanley Hospital, Madras.	50 per mensem.
(2) Professor of Surgery, Stanley Medical College, Madras.	750 per mensem.
(3) Surgeon I District, Madras	Nil.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government do not consider it desirable to distribute the honours instead of smothering too much kindness on the same officer, in the interest of efficiency? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In other teaching hospitals also the posts of Superintendent and Professor are combined, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1947–48.

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Mr. President, Sir, I want to make a few observations on the supplementary budget and especially